

Department of Licensing
Regular meeting of the Driver Training Schools Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 28, 2009
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
1115 Washington Street Room SL04, Olympia, WA 98501

In attendance: Tana Cochran, DTS Manager; Dan Payne, OSPI; Sheryl Vanderwalker, Owner Representative; Gayan Pillai, Instructor Representative.

Also in attendance: Fred Wright, Swerve Driver Training; Joe Giammona, Swerve Driver Training; Robert Lindsay, Swerve Driver Training; Linda Lynch, Swerve Driver Training, Justin Pruskowski, Swerve Driver Training, Mark Mangold, Driver Training Schools; Lonna Paulsen, Driver Training Schools; Ted Larsen, Driver Training Schools; Kirsten Games, Driver Training Schools; John Clabaugh, Driver Training Schools; David Sedelmeier, Apex Driving School; J.C. Fawcett, Defensive Driving School; Duane Wakefield, Wake's Driving School (via conference call).

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m.

Minutes: Robert Lindsay moved to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2008 Advisory Committee Meeting; J.C. Fawcett seconded; motion passed.

- Legislation
 - The committee reviewed legislation that may affect Driver Training Schools.
- Program Updates
 - Forms update: Tana distributed the new Vehicle Inspection Report for review and feedback by the end of the meeting.
 - Schools are being notified that the fee on the back of the Traffic Safety Education Certificates is wrong. It should read "\$20 testing fee for each examination plus \$25 for a five-year license".
 - Twenty-five licensing offices are closing throughout the state. The plan is to offer longer hours and identify other efficiency processes. By 2013 all identified offices will be closed.
 - New Instructor Representative, Gayan Pillar would like to make sure that all of the instructors and owners get involved either directly with the program office or through their representatives. Gayan and Sheryl Vanderwalker, the new Owner Representative will be provided with email address but have been advised to always use Bcc: when mailing to protect confidentiality. He and Sheryl made it clear that they are there to support ALL of the schools and

instructors. DOL will look into opportunities for direct communication with them through our website.

- Tana introduced the concept of risk-based-auditing which would allow those schools within compliance standards to be physically audited every other year and electronically audits on the year a physical audit is conducted.
- Curriculum
 - DOL and OSPI would like to put the Washington Risk Prevention Curriculum online, password protected, only to be accessed by school owners and instructors.
 - The committee began a thorough review of the Driver Training School Instructor Exam. Several questions were thrown out because they were poorly written or had other distinct problems.

Next Meeting:

- Thursday, February 12, 2009 in DSHS Office Building 2, Room SL04.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.